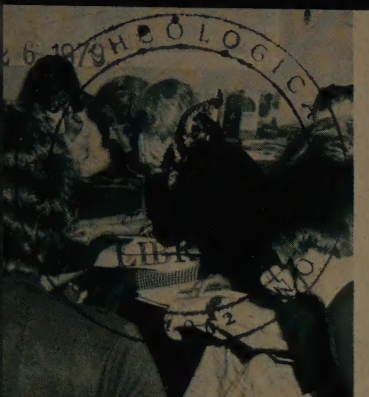


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"For the perfecting of the
saints, for the work
of the ministry..."

Ephesians 4:12

200th
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SUNDAY SCHOOL



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Two hundred years ago in Gloucester, England, a newspaper publisher by the name of Robert Raikes was concerned not only that the boys in the town's slum area learn their three R's, but that they be taught the Word of God. As a result of this concern, the first Sunday School was established.

No testimonies have been passed down relating to the lives of the boys who attended this first Sunday School, but from this outreach God ignited a flame that gave birth to a great movement that would reach around the world and play an important role in the building of His Kingdom.

Any adult who has had the advantages of a Christian upbringing can recall, and sometimes with humor, the varied settings which have been utilized for Sunday School classrooms. With the improvements that have been made in church facilities in recent decades, today's younger generation knows little of Sunday School classes that have been conducted in the parsonage kitchen, living room, on the front or back porch, under a staircase, in an automobile, or in a church hallway or unfinished basement. Several decades ago air conditioning in churches was unheard of and central heating was not always enjoyed in many situations. Thus one was sometimes taught under unbelievable circumstances because pastors and workers refused to allow these conditions (which they could not alter at the time) to deter them from the mandate to teach God's Word.

Younger generations may wonder how anything could have been accomplished under such circum-

stances. But the Word, which is powerful and sharper than any twoedged sword and which is able to penetrate the soul of the youngest student and eldest adult, found root in countless numbers of lives and changed their destinies.

Reverend James Hout, pastor of the Muir, Pennsylvania Foursquare Church, which is one of the finest on the Eastern District with exceptional outreach ministries, is a product of a church that believed in a strong Sunday School. Every Sunday morning an elder of the Greencastle, Pennsylvania Foursquare Church would drive to the Hout residence to pick up Jim and his brothers and sisters for Sunday School. Many times a voice would call out from the home that the children would not be attending on that morning. Again and again the elder returned, never wearying of the many Sundays when none of the Hout children attended. But over the years, as God's Word was faithfully taught by the pastor and Sunday School teachers, the Word found root in young Jim's heart, and in his teen years he accepted Christ and answered the call to the ministry.

Will the Sunday School continue to make an impact on lives today as it has in the last 200 years? Read the special feature dealing with the Sunday School's 200th Anniversary on Pages 4 - 6 of this issue and you will be assured that the seed of the Word sown through this agency will continue to bear fruit. Without a doubt, it was the Spirit of God that moved Robert Raikes two centuries ago to begin the first Sunday School. Thank God for his vision and for his obedience to the voice of the Lord!

Dr. **Rolf K. McPherson**, President, announces the resignation of Rev. Miss **Margaret Gomez** as editor of the Foursquare World **ADVANCE**. Miss Gomez has been editor the past four years; her last **ADVANCE** will be the January-February, 1980 issue.

Margaret will become the bride of Rev. **Herman D. Rosenberger**, pastor of the Granada Hills, Ca. Foursquare Church, on Christmas eve.

Pastor **Howard P. Courtney** of Angelus Temple reports that the renowned sacred opera, the "Bells of Bethlehem," written by Aimee Semple McPherson, will be presented in Angelus Temple, Dec. 26-28 and 30-31. Former Angelus Temple Minister of Music, Rev. **James Boersma**, will be the guest conductor on the opening night with present Minister of Music, Rev. **Merle Bade**, directing on succeeding

nights. The organist will be former Angelus Temple organist, **Paul Mickelson**. Lead roles of Joseph and Mary will be played by Rev. **Ken Hyde** and **Raylene Bade Ewing**, respectively.

Supervisor Paul E. Jones reports that the annual **Southern California District Christian Education Training Conference** will be held Jan. 25-26, 1980, at the Burbank, Ca. Foursquare Church. Dr. **C. M. Ward**, former speaker of Revivaltime Radio Broadcast, will be guest speaker. The annual **Divisional Superintendents' Meeting** of the **Northwest District** will be held Jan. 3-4 in Gresham, Ore., reports Supervisor Roy Hicks.

During the Fall Semester at **LIFE Bible College**, Dimension VI speakers included: Revs. Dick Ross, Dick Scott and Jerry Cook. The new sewage treatment plant on the campus of **Mt. Vernon Bi-**

ble College in Mt. Vernon, Oh., is nearing completion with the incurred cost of \$40,000 already paid in full. In athletics, MVBC is now a member of the **National Christian College Athletic Association** with full schedules in cross-country, both men and women's basketball, and volleyball.

The **Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Chelwood)** Foursquare Church conducted a Noteburning Service on Nov. 25, 1979. District Supervisor **Sidney Westbrook** was present and participated in the burning of the mortgage, reports Pastor **Phil Hyde**.

The congregation of the Dixon, Ill. Foursquare Church recently honored its pastors, **Revs. Mary and Clarence Ewbank**, for 22 years of ministry in the Dixon Church. A dinner was held in their Ewbanks' honor at which time they were presented with a monetary gift.

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By Vaneda H. Courtney, D.D.

Christians from Six Continents Gather at Vancouver, B.C., to Emphasize the Workings of the Holy Spirit in the Last Days.

Report of the 12th Pentecostal World Conference

"The spiritual temperature was high and the music was tremendous," stated Reverend Vinita Nicholls, wife of General Supervisor M.E. Nicholls, upon her return from the 12th Pentecostal World Conference held in Vancouver, B.C., October 2-7. Dr. Leland Edwards, Director of Foursquare Missions International, added, "This conference was a foretaste of the coming together in that day when we gather from all nations, tribes and tongues." It was a thrilling experience to fellowship with delegates from 68 countries of the world representing Pentecostals everywhere.

The warm hospitality of the Canadian Pentecostals helped set the stage for all to relax in fellowship with the Lord and each other as we met morning and evening in the Pacific Coliseum. In each service, the Word of God was preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit by preachers from 14 countries in six continents. They keyed their sermons and doctrinal expositions to the conference theme, "The Holy Spirit in the Last Days." Foursquare's



Pacific Coliseum, site of conference night rallies.
Above: Vaneda H. Courtney, D.D.

General Supervisor of West Africa, Reverend Samuel Odunaïke, numbered among the conference evening speakers.

A new innovation at this conference was the panels conducted each morning where testimonial reviews were given of Pentecostal happenings in the world today. Also a first was the afternoon International Pentecostal Women's Meeting. At this gathering, 1,000 women enjoyed a fellowship tea and program of speakers, music and interaction on the theme, "Women of God Today." Each conference service was preceded by the best in Gospel music as brought by various nationally and internationally known Gospel singers and musicians.

It was expressed by one leader that our purpose is twofold: To recognize and rejoice in what God is doing in what may be the broadest based outpouring of the Spirit the Church has ever experienced; and to assess the unfinished task as God allows us to see it.

The conference drew crowds up to 15,000 and had over 5,000 registered delegates. The largest delegation apart from Canada and the United States came from Nigeria with 129 registered. Of this number, 64 were from our Foursquare Churches of Nigeria. Conference Chairman Thomas F. Zimmerman reports that the conference delegates voted to accept an invitation to hold the 13th Pentecostal World Conference on the continent of Africa in 1982.

Continuing to serve on the 26-member Advisory Committee for the next conference will be the following Foursquare ministers: Dr. Howard P. Courtney, Vice President of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; Reverend Veronico Suan, Vice President of the Foursquare Church in the Philippines; and Reverend Samuel Odunaïke, General Supervisor of the Foursquare Church in West Africa.



International Foursquare Convention
April 23-29, 1980
Los Angeles, California
Chairman: Reverend John Holland

Angelus Temple is the site of this timely congress where the Foursquare family will be challenged to rediscover who it is and the distinctive of its ministry as it moves into the "Decade of the Eighties."

Special speakers include:

Dr. Yonggi Cho, pastor of the Full Gospel Central Church of Seoul, Korea.

Reverend Dick Mills, well-known evangelist and teacher in Charismatic circles.

200th ANNIVERSARY of the SUNDAY SCHOOL

A National Director Speaks

Major Avenue of Bible Study



Reverend John Bowers, National Director of Youth and Christian Education.

The Sunday School, as an agency, is now 200 years old. How thrilling to think of the millions who have found Jesus Christ through this ministry. And when you add to that number those who have become established in the way of Christ through systematic instruction offered by the Sunday School, the importance of this agency in the Christian education ministry of the local church becomes clear. In every generation during the past two centuries, the "gift" of teaching has had great opportunity to be used in the Sunday School, which has developed great leaders for the church. Also, many outstanding leaders who have shaped the history of our country bear testimony to having learned Christian principles in a Sunday School.

Regardless of what we call the Sunday School, and in spite of the rapid changes, the many discussions, the adamant stand of generations, and the laying aside and restoring to its place again, the Sunday School will continue to stand in 1980 as the major avenue of systematic Bible teaching in the local church. For many congregations it is still the best means to communicate the Christian faith and life to the greatest number of people. It continues for most local churches to be the one educational agency touching every age group in the community.

The gathering together for purposes of hear-

ing and studying what God has to say is as old as the Bible itself. Throughout Bible times and church history, the groupings and locations for teaching have changed, but the emphasis has not. From the time of Martin Luther's life (as early in church history as 1527, only 10 years after the beginning of the great work which that extraordinary man commenced) was laid by Luther, himself, the foundation of the magnificent organization of schools to which Germany owes much of her present fame! At the same time, religious schools on the Lord's day were established and were devoted to the study of Biblical catechism, singing the praises of God, and the great duty of prayer. Then in 1780, Robert Raikes of Gloucester, England, placed a special emphasis on caring for needy children on the Lord's day, and the *Sunday School* era began!

The years have come and gone, methods of teaching vary and attitudes change, but the goal of changed lives brought forth by faith in God's plan remains the same today as it was in the beginning.

A dozen years ago in most Sunday Schools, at least 60 percent of the enrollment would be composed of pre-teens. Since that time, there has been a continual drop in our national population of children and, consequently, for many Sunday Schools the enrollment has declined. A recent survey does reveal, however, that Pentecostals are growing significantly in Sunday School attendance. This is especially true of those who have placed a renewed emphasis on adults, where there has been a whopping 40 percent increase nationally among young adults, alone, during the last dozen years. So there is evidence that Sunday Schools can grow in enrollment and attendance in spite of the fact that only about 20 percent of our U.S. population is 13 years old and younger.



Moline, Ill. Gospel Temple's Men's Bible Class of 1930 posing in front of Temple's original tabernacle. The Temple's Sunday School enrollment today exceeds 5,000; Page 5, top left—4- and 5-year olds of Dallas, Tx. church display Christmas handwork; Top right—Teachers with 3-year-olds of Concord, N.C. First Church; Below—An Adult Class fellowship of Monterey Park, Ca. Church.

It is important to interpret the times and bring balance in the Sunday School emphasis of the local church. The Sunday School provides an atmosphere for modeling the realities of Scripture and groupings adequate in size for learning in a caring/sharing way for children, youth and adults.

The National Department of Christian Education commemorates with pride the 200th birthday of the Sunday School and challenges the local church to broaden its base in the overall ministry of Christian education in order to achieve the goal of Ephesians 4:12 of the "... perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry." The National Department, also, challenges the home to interpret its role as that of a partner with the church in the overall ministry of Christian education. The technique in the home is not nearly so important as the awareness that God is quietly at work in us as we walk with Him, talk about Him, and relate His involvement in our daily flow of life in the home. The church in its adult Sunday School classes can provide the home with help in identifying teaching moments and, in turn, provide opportunity in class to bear witness of what God is doing in the homes of those who are sensitive to the Spirit's guidance.

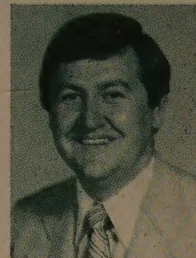
So there are yet new and exciting possibilities for effective Christian nurture through the Sunday School, and in many communities Sunday School growth continues to be a key factor in church growth. It is with this in mind that the National Department of Christian Education commits itself to keeping in touch with the past, guiding through the present, and moving into the future.



A Pastor Speaks

Channel to Share Love

By Reverend Paul Risser
Pastor, Florence Avenue,
California, Foursquare Church



Rev. Risser is pastor of a growing congregation with a Sunday School enrollment of over 1,600.

Our church is firmly committed to a strong Christian education for every age group. By this we mean discovering together what the Bible has to say about our relationship to God and with each other in the context of life. Head knowledge of God's Word is not enough; we all need to see its practical application in interpersonal relationships. We believe the Sunday School provides the right channel for this opportunity to study together in peer groups.

Even while the Sunday morning 8 o'clock church service is still in progress, the Christian Education building begins to come alive with activity. Teachers are setting up their classrooms for the morning teaching time, and the children are beginning to gather early for that extra time of talking with the Superintendent or teacher, or getting involved in an individual time of craft, Bible puzzles, listening to records or helping. Nothing ties a child into the family of God like love, and our teachers have an abundance of that currency to share. What better time to share this love than during the Sunday School hour when teachers can relate at the learning level of each child.

Is Sunday School effective for high schoolers? many ask today. The High School Department gained in average attendance over the summer months at Florence Avenue Church. Many young people attended even when parents went on vacation. They find fellowship and Bible teaching that relates to their particular problems. More important, they find teachers who care deeply enough about them to become involved by praying and counseling with them.

Over one-half of our active enrollment is in the Adult Department which is made up of eight classes from which an adult may choose. We have no policy, such as age or sex categories, limiting these adults from moving from one class to another. This, in effect, provides an elective system without destroying the basic Koinonia of a class. Most adults, however, soon find a class that meets their needs, and they become an active participant in it. Our adult classes stress the importance of fellowship before and during the class, as well as providing many social activities outside the classrooms.

200th ANNIVERSARY of the SUNDAY SCHOOL

At Florence Avenue Church we believe Sunday School gives us all the advantages of a small church. It provides intimacy, involvement and a sense of belonging without losing the excitement and challenge of a large school.

Sunday School is a natural, for Sunday morning is already a time set aside for the whole family to come together for worship. What better time is there to provide the experience of Bible Study at the age and interest level of each member of the family than on Sunday morning?

A Sunday School Teacher Speaks

Field for Sowing Seed



By Carrie Hentz
Sunday School Teacher
Lebanon, Pennsylvania Foursquare Church

Sunday School has always been a very important part of my life. Ever since I can remember, I attended Sunday School. It is a time of learning and sharing God's Word. One is never too young or too old to attend Sunday School. Being a Sunday School teacher is a high calling. I count it a privilege.

From the early years of the Muir, Pennsylvania Foursquare Church, I was a part of that fellowship. I served as a teacher for the Junior Boys' and Girls' Classes for several years, and then God gave me a burden for the Adult Department. As a result, I became the teacher of

the Adult Class and served in that capacity for 15 years. When a Foursquare Church was pioneered in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, which is where my home is located, my husband and I felt that it was God's will that we become a part of that new fellowship. Presently I assist in both the Adult and Junior High Classes in the Lebanon Church.

Teaching Sunday School is very rewarding. During my years in the Muir Church I became very close to my pupils. When they were absent I missed them and would endeavor to do follow-up with a telephone call, a card or a home visit. Students like to know they are missed and that you care about them and love them.

My pupils have always become a part of my family. Their joys become my joys, and their sorrows and problems become my sorrows and problems. We have laughed together, cried together and prayed together.

As a teacher, one must first of all know the Lord Jesus—have a personal relationship with Him. And I believe that it is very important to be an example to your pupils in faithfulness to the Lord and in faithfulness to all the church services. Thank God for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost which helps make God's Word so real. It is so beautiful to have the anointing of God as you teach. When we are called of God to the teaching ministry, we may feel that we are not qualified. But all God asks for is obedience and that we be a vessel emptied of self and dedicated to Him. Philippians 4:13 declares, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

What has kept me teaching over the years? you may ask. It has been a love for souls and for the Lord that has caused me to continue sowing the precious Seed. Thank God for His promise which declares that His Word shall not return unto Him void (Isa. 55:11). Teachers may think, many times, that their work is in vain, but God has promised that in due time they will reap if they faint not. Also, the Word promises, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Psa. 126:5).

The greatest joy in teaching is when you see a pupil come to Jesus and when he or she is baptized in the Holy Spirit. Teaching has been a great enrichment to my life, personally, for I have received a greater understanding of His Word as I have studied and prepared my lessons.

On my final Sunday in the Muir Church, I left my class with the following scripture: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I. Cor. 15:58).

Pre-schoolers of Jacksonville, N.C. Church participate in church Christmas program.



Special Report:

10th Anniversary Celebration Camp McPherson, Eastern District

Family Campmeeting held at Camp McPherson in Danville, Ohio, July 1-6, 1979, was the scene of the 10th Anniversary celebration of the ministry which has taken place on these campgrounds over the past 10 years, reports Eastern District Supervisor Howard W. Clark. "That Your Joy May Be Full" was the theme for this six-day celebration with 18 banners bearing scriptures relating to joy beautifully displayed in the tabernacle.

Special guests for this celebration were Dr. and Mrs. Howard P. Courtney, pastors of Angelus Temple and Vice President of the Denomination, who ministered in the evening and afternoon services, respectively. Musical guests included: Sounds of Praise choir, orchestra and ensemble; Bob Harmelink and Bernie Torrence, songwriters and recording artists; and Kitty Kay, soloist and recording artist. Reverends Ron May, Eugene Kurtz, Marty Jenkins and Supervisor Clark each ministered in one of the morning services.

In the morning service on the Fourth of July, a special patriotic musicale was presented by the choir of the Dover, Ohio Foursquare Church. Following the musicale, each person present was given an opportunity to sign his name to a large "Declaration of Dependence" scroll. At the close, the altar area was filled as those in attendance united their hearts and voices in a chorus of commitment to Christ. In the afternoon a gala 10th Birthday Party for Camp McPherson was held which featured a special birthday card shower offering.

Supervisor and Mrs. Howard W. Clark served as Family Camp hosts with the Dover, Ohio Church, pastored by Reverend Ron May,

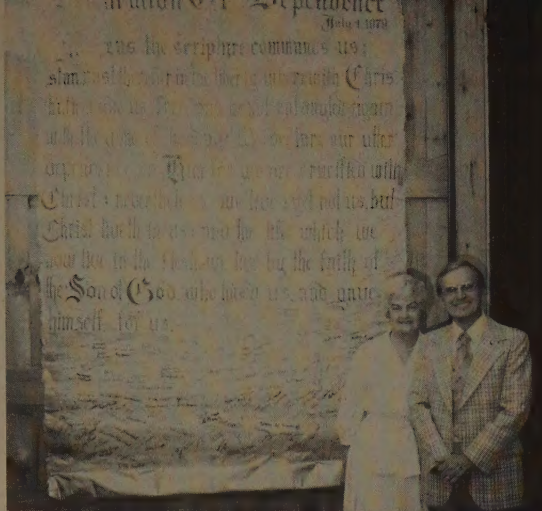
By Bill Jastram

concepts of the Church:

"Turn the hearts of the children to their parents. Turn the hearts of the parents to their young."

Turning my heart to my children takes commitment. At those awkward times, when the "turning" will make the difference, that's when I need to know I am committed to my children.

It's also nice to know that Jesus' desire is always to turn my heart to my children ("And he shall turn . . ." Mal. 4:6). I know, from that verse, that He is always pleased when my considerations, my love, my plans and my actions encom-



Supervisor and Mrs. Howard W. Clark stand beside large "Declaration of Dependence" scroll which Family Camp guests signed as a commitment of their dependence upon Christ; Below—Dover, Oh. Foursquare Church choir presents patriotic musicale at 10th Anniversary celebration.



serving as Chair-church. This celebration marked a special time in the ministry of the Eastern District as the District leadership, pastors and congregations reviewed with joy the workings of God wrought through the ministry of Camp McPherson throughout the past decade. 4

pass my family. The danger and the damage come when I see ministry or vocation as a primary goal and neglect my family in the name of these. That is not to say my ministry or vocation is to be neglected or that these will never involve sacrifice, perhaps for the entire family. But if it does, it will never destroy the family unit; rather, it will build it, strengthen and establish it.

Turning my heart will change me, and personally, it sounds good as I write this (as it may sound good to you), but the "turning" is needed when I least expect it, and frankly, often when I don't care to do it. It must be done, though, and "Thank you, Jesus. You are there, turning my heart with me. If You weren't, it would seldom be done and never with the results I am experiencing daily!" 4



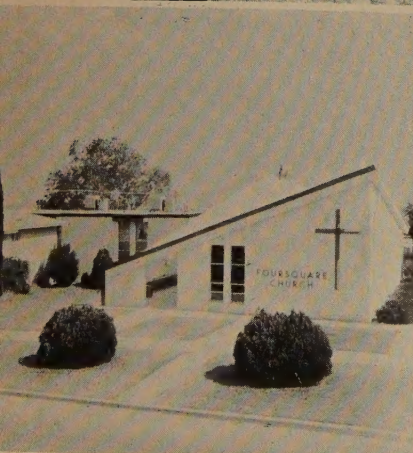


By Pamela Duarte

El Paso, Texas Foursquare Church

Rediscovering the Ministry of Intercession

Above: Eldership assisting in Communion Service; Below—Pastor and Mrs. Paul McEachern. An accomplished musician, Mrs. McEachern heads church's music ministry.



"Our people have accepted God's call to intercession," states Reverend Paul McEachern, pastor of El Paso, Texas Foursquare Church. Prayer plays a vital role in the life of El Paso Church. This body of believers prays not only on behalf of the church, but also for specific nations and specific areas of government, as well as areas of battle against the powers of darkness. Because of prayer, El Paso Foursquare Church has realized growth and is an important influence in its community.

Chartered in 1939, Reverend and Mrs. Paul McEachern have served as its pastors since 1953. For the first 20-22 years of their pastorate, the McEacherns saw at least 55 percent of the congregation move out of the city every year. They even had as many as 40 people from the congregation move from the area in a six-week period. Although there is a military base located in El Paso, the turnover included many civilians as well as military personnel. This required gaining 55 percent just to keep the attendance even. "It was sometimes rather discouraging, but in the last three or four years, God has been very gracious to us, and our church has more than doubled, probably tripled, in attendance," shares Pastor McEachern. "I praise the Lord for that. I believe the fact that the people have been seeking God has contributed to the growth of the church. They have come into a real time of worship and praise before the Lord. As a result, they have contacted others and brought them into the church. In addition to growth, there has been a stabilizing of the congregation."

With a combined average attendance of 175-200 in their two Sunday Morning Services, El

Paso congregation consists of a broad spread of people representing a variety of occupations. People from 12-14 different states can be numbered in the congregation with at least a third coming from a background of Roman Catholicism. Located in the southwest corner of Texas, El Paso borders both New and Old Mexico and has a population of over 400,000.

This congregation has reached into the community of El Paso with arms of local ministers in several ways. One of its ministries is its fellowship with Christian churches in the area. Reverend McEachern explains, "Many of these churches are faithful in the experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Opportunities to work closely with the pastors of these churches are available. Our elders and myself as they reach out to provide counsel. And we sometimes cooperate in various ways with them and their congregations."

Another area of ministry is that of Bible studies held in various areas of the city which are conducted by Pastor McEachern and other individuals in the church. For six years such study has been conducted in West El Paso which is a country club area. It is attracting people who belong to the Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Christian churches.

Outreaches at the downtown mission and hospital are ministries also conducted by people from the church. Two of the church elders minister in the area of counseling at the Christian Home for Men. These elders sometimes spend an entire day counseling with men who have come to this home from the streets. Likewise, another elder and his wife minister in the Christian Home for



Left: Bible study at Christian Home for Men; Below—Rev. and Mrs. Gary Carnie and family, Directors of local Teen Challenge ministry; Bottom—Eldership praying for the sick in Sunday Service.

Reverend McEachern teaching a class

so Church is also involved in ministry to others through the local Teen Challenge program. As El Paso Teen Challenge and his wife attend the Foursquare Church, this has provided an opportunity for the congregation to be very closely associated with this ministry. A group from the church is involved in a street ministry with open air services conducted and Gospel films shown. The various outreach ministries are happening because the people of El Paso Church have discerned enough to pray. Each week they pray for a specific church in their city, asking God to do exactly for that church what they want done in their own. This has developed great empathy for other churches and a desire to see God working beyond their own borders. As a result, the Lord has given them a passion for the city of El Paso and for all the outreach ministries that are carried on in its various areas.

Pastor McEachern feels that God is beginning to move our church out and into a broader work in the community. The work is not just confined to our walls, but rather, we are encouraging the church to get out and minister to others and to open doors that will be opened," testifies Pastor McEachern. He adds, "God has also blessed us in a way that in the past 26 years we have had people go into full-time ministry from our church. Four who graduated from LIFE Bible College last May are working in various areas of ministry in the United States, as well as others who are presently continuing their education at the Bible College."

Prayer is such a tremendous asset to this church that every Sunday evening this congregation begins its service at 5:00 o'clock in order to set aside an hour of prayer before the regular order of the service begins at 6:00 p.m. A time for prayer is also designated during their Wednesday Evening Bible Study. At this time, specific needs and requests are prayed for and are directed not just for individuals, but also regarding situations around the world. El Paso Foursquare Church is convinced that its prayers can make a difference, nationally and internationally. During the past two years, the church has participated in a six-day Prayer Revival which is held from Sunday through Friday evenings. Each night of the revival, a regular service is carried on with prayer taking the place of the preaching time.

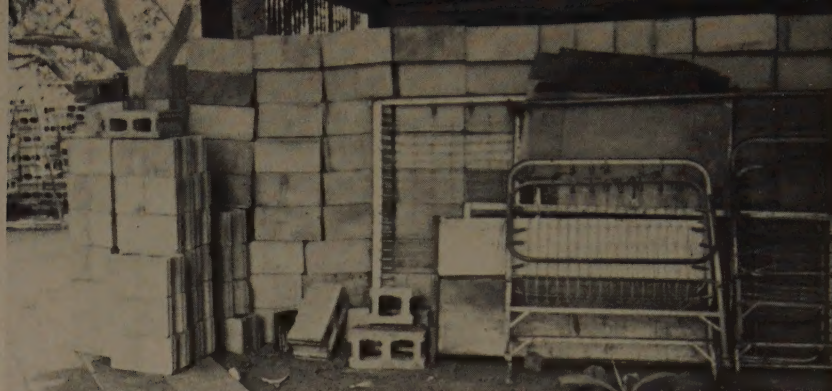
Pastor McEachern expresses, "I feel God is beginning to lay a ministry of prayer on people's hearts. I am convinced that God is bringing the Church back to a ministry of intercession and to a ministry of travail. I particularly think this is true because of the time in which we live and of the soon return of Jesus Christ. I also feel that God is also calling the Church back to holiness and a separated walk with God. He is preparing His Bride for His coming!"

Certainly El Paso Foursquare Church has heeded the voice of God, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chron. 7:14).

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Clockwise: During heavy house to house fighting of Nicaraguan War, many people sought refuge in this Sunday School room of Managua's Central Foursquare Church. People barricaded the room with cement blocks and anything that might serve as protection; Forefront—Missionaries Charles Gosling (left) and Jerry King shown by portion of food distributed to the starving during Nicaraguan War; Edgar and Darlene Coombs, Assistants to the Director of Foursquare Missions International.



international update:

FOURSQUARE MISSIONS AID IN DISASTER

Foursquare Missions is quick to respond to disasters in other countries. During the Nicaraguan War, Missionary Jerry King directed the air freighting and distribution of tons of food items to the starving of that nation. Missionaries residing in the border countries also responded by helping to gather and pack these items. Assistance given by the missionaries reached beyond just feeding the people, for they offered help in many other ways. During the fighting, a pastor's wife was shot and killed as she returned home from the market. Her two sons hid in their father's church until he was able to get them out of the country on a Red Cross airplane. Charles and Nelwyn Gosling, former missionaries to El Salvador, met the boys and helped to get them settled with the father's relatives. In Managua, many who were homeless were able to use the

church and parsonage as shelter. Above all, the needy were ministered to, spiritually, as every means was utilized to point them to a loving Heavenly Father Who cared for them.

NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO MISSIONS STAFF

Edgar and Darlene Coombs have become a part of the staff of the Foreign Missions Department at the Headquarters of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel in Los Angeles, California. Edgar will serve as a special representative of Director Leland Edwards and will assume several important responsibilities and ministries in the Missions Office as well as in different countries when needed.

The Coombses served as missionaries for 24 years. They pioneered and then supervised the work in the country of Venezuela until 1967, at which time they were appointed as Supervisors of the coun-

try of Panama. In addition, Edgar served as Coordinator of both Panama and Central America.

DATE LINE: Latin America

Ecuador—John and Cheryl Douglas are rejoicing with the opportunities for service. This past year they have taught the following courses in the Bible Institute: The Holy Spirit, the Body of Christ, Church Growth, and studies in Nehemiah, Romans and Proverbs.

In addition to teaching in the Bible Institute, they have had several occasions to provide teaching in the following areas: Brief courses for leaders, youth and the women of the United Foursquare Women's Organization; seminars on organization and teaching relating to children's camps, and courses on visitation.

Costa Rica—A group of 20 people arrived from the Portland, Oregon Foursquare Church to assist in the construction of the Christian Educa-

on Annex of the Central Church in San Jose. Tom Baker, member of the ministerial staff of the Portland Church, which is pastored by Dr. Alvin Hamilton, headed this group. Missionary James Walker directed the work project.

Several members of the group were house guests in Costa Rican homes, while others stayed with the missionaries. After early morning devotions and breakfast, group members spent the day on such work as excavation, laying block, pouring cement, electrical work, etc. Each day the ladies of the Central Church prepared lunch for the workmen and during free time, group members were able to visit any sightseeing locations.

A beautiful plaque was presented by the San Jose Church from the Portland Church, and in turn the San Jose Church presented a large painted ox-cart wheel (Costa Rica is noted for its colorful ox carts) to the Portland group. The concern for the needs of people in other lands has greatly enlarged for both groups through this effort, as they met and evidenced the love and spirit of unity at work in each other.

Colombia—"There is great cause for rejoicing this month" write Dr. and Mrs. John Firth, missionaries. The first cause for rejoicing took place at the dedication of a new church. Located in a suburb of Bogota called Delicias, the church was pioneered in a home in this suburb. As the attendance grew, the congregation moved into a former billiard saloon. Continuing to experi-

ence growth, a beautiful new church building with a seating capacity of 300 was erected with the dedication held in August.

Secondly, a work has been pioneered in a city north of Bogota. Each week Missionary Rosemary Firth and Missionary Assist Kim Curtis teach the children while others are teaching the adults. One group is taught from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon and the second group from 6 to 7 o'clock in the evening. We see great possibilities for a new church group in this area in the near future.

Thirdly, Mrs. Jean Firth was invited to speak in Girardot, a large city on the plains where a Four-square church is located. She was pleased to find a spirit of revival in this church which is only three years old. During her meetings, over 90 people were baptized in the Holy Spirit. While there, Mrs. Firth was also a guest speaker in the Mennonite Church and many received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The pastor of that church had been baptized in the Holy Spirit at a retreat for Mennonite pastors held last year and where Dr. Firth was the featured speaker.

Guatemala—Reverend Jackie Coppins, missionary, writes: "One highlight for our Bible College students during the trimester was a trip to Santo Tomas, a town far from the main highway. When they arrived on Saturday evening, the students conducted an Evening Service. On Sunday, special children's meetings were held, and then teams of the students went through the market witnessing and giving out tracts. Much excitement was generated as individuals found Christ as their Savior. Sunday evening, a second service was held and these individuals were invited to attend. The weekend in Santo Tomas was a happy and growing time for the students, and they are very anxious to take more of these outreach trips."

DATE LINE: South Pacific

Papua New Guinea—A National worker shares the following testimony: "The Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and asked me to go and

speak to some people about Christ. They lived over a mountain some distance away. In my body I felt lazy, but the urge to go continued, so I finally made the trip. When I arrived, the Lord had spoken to the people and 21 were waiting for me to hold a service. Others, who were working in their gardens, joined the group. As I taught them, the Lord blessed in a special way and nine gave their lives to the Lord and four were healed of sickness. I am so glad that I listened to the Lord's call."

We, too, need to be as attentive to the Lord's voice when He speaks to us about praying for these precious people.

There has been six years of hard work and prayer by the missionaries of this area of Kundiawa. This year they are beginning to harvest the results of the seed which has been sown in previous years.

Realizing that evangelism is a key to church growth, the Four-square church in Goroka was granted special permission to conduct an open air meeting at the Eastern Highlands Provincial Annual Show. The church group marched from the church to the show grounds carrying banners proclaiming Christ. As they entered the gate of the grounds they were singing praises to God.

Traditional singing and dances are presented at the Annual Show by various tribal groups who attend. This offered a wonderful opportunity to the Goroka congregation to present Christ to those attending. The crowds listened attentively, and there was rejoicing for the 10 souls saved and the many lives touched with the Gospel.

From the town of Famo, Pastor Sari writes: "How grateful we are for the way God is blessing in our congregation. In one of our recent prayer meetings, 18 received Jesus as Lord and Savior, and 20 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The following week, also at a prayer meeting, another 22 folk received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Blessed be the Name of the Lord!" [4]

District Missionary Giving

District Jan.-Oct. 1979

Angelus Temple.....	\$116,168.22
Canada.....	57,055.74
Eastern U.S.	101,149.26
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Great Lakes.....	185,243.46
Midwest.....	123,220.47
Northwest.....	303,758.28
South Central.....	79,006.22
Southwest.....	62,340.23
Southern California.....	258,953.95
Southwest.....	162,231.71
Western.....	153,604.50

The Unfinished Task...



By Reverend David Wing, Pastor, Pottsville, Pennsylvania Foursquare Church.

II Kings 2:13—"He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan."

The Word of God tells us that Elijah held a great responsibility in his ministry as he told of God's judgments and powers. The horses and chariots of fire speak of Elijah's fiery message. His life came and went like a whirlwind. It ended quite significantly on this earth, for God whisked him away to heaven with a mighty closing scene (II Kings 2:11).

The ending of Elijah's earthly life was not, however, the ending of God's power. For man, alone, does not do the mighty things; it is God in man (Phil. 2:13). This one life was now gone, but the beginning ministry of another life was to begin. Elisha would now carry on the responsibilities of ministry laid down by his former teacher, Elijah.

As the weight of this new responsibility began to break on Elisha's heart and mind, and as he saw that in himself he could not do the unfinished task, it broke his heart. The Bible tells us that he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart (II Kings 2:12 NASB). God's responsibilities in us are not easy ones, but He promises us His power to do them (Eph. 1:19,20). This does not mean that we are not to feel responsibility; we certainly are. We are responsible to carry out our tasks as Christian workers and Christian witnesses, but in order to do this, we are to allow God's power to work through us showing us it is His task to build His Kingdom through us (I Cor. 3:10).

Elijah, through his ministry and prayer life, had been a protector of Israel. Elisha realized the position that Elijah had over Israel and the fear of responsibility overwhelmed him. The renting of his garments (II Kings 2:12) indicated Elisha's recognition of his own inability. It spoke of his brokenness before God and his appeal to God for divine strength.

How grateful I am to know that God already knows our inability, for He made us. He knows our insufficiencies, for He created us. All He wants is for us to come before Him broken and humble and ask for His divine strength to empower us.

There is a beautiful sign here of Elisha accepting the responsibility of continuing the work of Elijah, and it is shown to us when Elisha picked up the mantle of Elijah. The mantle was a loose coat thrown about the

shoulders and had become recognized as the dress of the Prophets of Jehovah. Elisha entered into that office accepting the gift of prophecy, not by proof in his own life, but by simple faith. Picking up Elijah's mantle meant that Elisha would stand with God just as the older prophet had done. He had the assurance that he would be able to do so by the fact that he had seen Elijah's translation, and the prophet's cape had been left behind for him to now wear (II Kings 2:10).

Elisha now returned to the Jordan, and when he smote the waters and they parted, he walked across. Elijah was gone, but his God remained. The power of God was still accessible. It is very possible that Elisha did not feel any different when he found himself endowed with power from above. There is no record that he went through a great emotional experience, but because he had come to a place where an act of faith was needed, and he acted, the Lord was alive in Elisha. Suppose Elisha had said, "No, I won't take the mantle (meaning that he would not continue the work that Elijah had left)." There would have been a serious breakdown in the relaying of God's work from one servant to another. Jesus tells us in John 15:16, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you: that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." This is the evidence that we are to carry on the message begun by our Lord. We are divinely commissioned to do so. In Acts, Chapter 1, we have the record of Jesus' last meeting with His disciples before His ascension at which time He commanded them to wait in Jerusalem until they were baptized with the Holy Ghost (vs. 4,5). The disciples were not to leave Jerusalem until they had first witnessed the coming of the Holy Spirit and had received power. Only then were they to begin the ministry to be ambassadors for Christ (II Cor. 5:19,20).

We, just like Elisha, have been commissioned to finish a task begun by another. We have been chosen of God for this purpose just as Elisha was. There was not only the mantle (which spoke of the call to the work), but Elisha had the assurance that the God who allowed the miracles to come through Elijah was also with him to do the same. We not only have been called to the work of witnessing, but we have God's presence with us. Jesus didn't merely say, "Go ye into all the world" (Mk. 16:15), but He also said, "Lo, I am with you alway" (Matt. 28:20). The presence of God with us is deeper and fuller than we often realize, for the Lord's prayer in John, Chapter 17 is for our oneness with Him and the Father. We have been given the inheritance, and along with that, a great responsibility. We have the mantle and the power, now we can continue "the unfinished task."

OPEN YOUR BIBLE!

Inside our Foursquare family:

Community Concern: Youth:

Retirement Opens Doors Community Ministry

Mr. Lester A. Flactiff, council member of the Ottumwa, Ia. Foursquare Church and retired railroad employee, has discovered a vital area of ministry to the Ottumwa community since his retirement, reports Pastor George King.

This ministry takes Mr. Flactiff to the following three Nursing Homes in Ottumwa where he conducts Bible studies: Good Samaritan Center, Ottumwa Manor, and Ridgewood Care Center. Following each Bible study, Mr. Flactiff engages in personal work at which time he prays, counsels and ministers to the personal needs of those in residence.

God has greatly blessed this ministry with one 97 year old man making his initial acceptance of Christ as his personal Savior. After much prayer and counseling, an 89 year old gentleman who felt he had sinned away his day of grace, was wonderfully reclaimed and restored to his position in Christ. Average attendance in each of the three Bible studies ranges from 15 to 40.

Mr. Flactiff also engages in tract distribution on the streets of Ottumwa and serves as a member of the Care Review Board and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.



Youth Directors Named South Central District

Rev. and Mrs. Ken Wold have been appointed as Youth Directors of the South Central District, reports District Supervisor Sidney Westbrook.

Ken and Pam, who are 1979 graduates of LIFE Bible College, will travel and minister to the youth in approximately 80 Foursquare churches throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico and Louisiana. They will also engage in ministry to church congregations, in rallies, schools, camps and youth groups.

Church:

Kenosha, Wisconsin

September 30, 1979, was a day of celebration for the congregation of the Kenosha, Wis. Foursquare Church as it commemorated 50 years of ministry to its community.

Pastor Jim Cecil presented a history of the church in the Morning Worship Service with District Supervisor and Mrs. L.T. Charter presenting the congregation



Pastor and Mrs. Jim Cecil (left) accept plaque presented to church by Supervisor and Mrs. L.T. Charter for 50 years of ministry.

with a plaque from the International Board of Directors which commended the members for their 50 years of faithful ministry. Rev. Charter also ministered in music and brought the morning message.

Dinner was served to all present prior to the afternoon service. Former

Kenosha Church pastor, Rev. Josephine Dalrymple, ministered from God's Word at this service. Also participating in the day's activities was Mrs. Terry Wilcox, daughter of Supervisor and Mrs. Charter, who was born in Kenosha during her parents' pastorate in the Kenosha Church.

Moline, Illinois

The Moline Gospel Temple, Moline, Ill., has been observing 1979 as its "Year of Jubilee," marking the 50-year milestone in the history of this ministry which has vitally touched the Quad-City area of Illinois and Iowa. Special events observing the 50th Anniversary have been scheduled throughout the year, climaxing with the annual Labor Day Convention, Sept. 1-3.

The Gospel Temple grew out of tent meetings conducted in 1929 by the Rev. A.W. Kortkamp. Preparing to close the



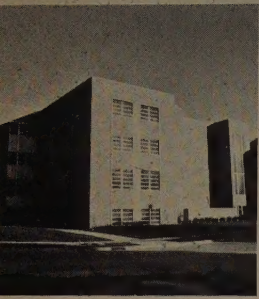
Moline, Ill. Gospel Temple in the 1950's; Dr. and Mrs. Charles Hollis, pastors (right), accept plaque presented to Moline Gospel Temple from Supervisor L.T. Charter.

meetings, a petition of more than 400 signatures was presented to Rev. Kortkamp inviting him to establish a Full Gospel church. In 17 days a tabernacle seating 500 was erected. Proving inadequate from the onset, a larger brick building was constructed in 1931 and became known as the Full Gospel Temple.

Although established as an independent church, the Gospel Temple has roots which go back to the evangelistic campaigns of Aimee Semple McPherson. Her ministry in St. Louis was instrumental in shaping Rev. Kortkamp's Full Gospel message. When Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hollis, present



more family:



Christian Education facilities of Moline, Ill. Gospel Temple.

pastors, succeeded Dr. Kortkamp as pastors in 1949, the Gospel Temple entered the Foursquare Organization.

Under the leadership of Dr. Hollis, Moline Gospel Temple has experienced continued growth with the present Sunday School enrollment exceeding 5,000 persons. To accommodate this growth, facilities have been expanded through the years with the latest addition the four-story Christian Life Center. The Temple operates 25 busses, produces its own television programs with the aid of its TV mobile unit, and enrolls more than 100 students in Temple Christian Academy from grades K through 12.

Special events which highlighted the Temple's "Year of Jubilee" included: "Charter Members' Day" honoring those who have been a part of the work for its entire 50-year history. Those honored included Misses Ruth Anderson and Mabel Watts who were members of Rev. Kortkamp's original evangelistic team and who have served on the church staff since that time; A reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. Hollis who celebrated 30 years of ministry at the Temple; "Miss A Day" in honor of Miss Anderson; "Founder's Day" honoring the memory of the Kortkamps; and the annual Labor Day Convention which climaxed the Jubilee festivities. District Supervisor L.T. Charter, one of the Convention speakers, presented a plaque from the International Board of Directors commending the Gospel Temple for its 50 years of ministry.

Throughout the "Year of Jubilee," the prayer of this body of believers has been that of the Psalmist: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake" (Psa. 115:1).

California Congregations Share in Joint Service

On August 26, 1979, the First Foursquare Church of Van Nuys, Ca., pastored by Dr. Jack W. Hayford, and the Carlin Avenue, Ca. Foursquare Church, pastored by Rev. Paul Hackett, joined together for the 6:00 o'clock Evening Service in the Van Nuys Church.



Above: Pastor Jack Hayford accepts check for LIFE Bible College from Pastor Paul Hackett; Right—Carlin Ave. Church choir ministering in joint service.

This day proved an epochal date because of the rich spiritual blessing that God poured out in this service.

The joint service occurred as a result of Pastor Hayford's invitation to the Carlin Avenue Church body. Prior to bringing the evening message, Pastor Hackett presented Pastor Hayford with a check for \$1,500 to be given to LIFE Bible College where Dr. Hayford serves as President.

New Congregations Added To Great Lakes District

District Supervisor L.T. Charter reports that in the past year God has raised up new works in various areas of the Great Lakes District. He further reports that groups are also being formed and reaching out to the Foursquare Denomination for structure and covering. A blessing of this growth is that each group has its own leader who God has raised up to shepherd each flock.



Sioux City, Iowa

An exciting work is the new congregation which has been birthed in Sioux City, Ia. This congregation is a result of folk from non-Pentecostal churches being baptized in the Holy Spirit and expressing a desire to have their own church where they could enjoy freedom in worship. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Compton are serving as the pioneer pastors of this work which is already averaging 110 in attendance. The church now has over 50 charter members and is meeting in the Holiday Inn. It is now in the process of securing its own church facilities.

Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Richardson of Kalamazoo, Mich. have organized a Charismatic Fellowship into a Foursquare church. This body of 15-20 believers is presently meeting in the Richardsons' home.

For several years, prayer has been offered for a Foursquare church to be established in Marshalltown, Ia. Not long ago, Phil and Lee McAlmond, Jr. moved into the area and had a desire to establish a church. God opened the door to establish a work in rented office facilities where services are conducted



Kalamazoo, Michigan

and space utilized for a counseling ministry. Attendance in the services is averaging from 20-25 people. God is blessing with souls saved, marriages restored, bodies healed and the Lord's Name glorified.

Rev. Robert Deyarmond, pastor of the Foursquare church of De Kalb, Ill., traveled to Freeport, Ill. for a number of months to minister to a group of people in that town. From that body of believers God raised up Jim and Sharon Cassell to serve as pastors. Presently meeting in the Y.W.C.A. building, reports of healings and miracles are constantly received. As a result of the ministry of this new church, one woman and her husband were reunited in marriage after going through a divorce. New people are attending the services and the church continues to experience growth.

The new pioneer effort in Marengo, Ill., pastored by Rev. and Mrs. Ray Evans, is presently meeting in a double



Marengo, Illinois

garage which is attached to the church parsonage. This double garage has been converted into a lovely chapel. Believers are uniting with this fellowship as a result of this church's outreach, and a solid work is being established.

The newest work on the Great Lakes District is in Centuria, located in Northern Wisconsin. This group of believers, which averages around 45, has requested that Rev. and Mrs. Donald Guttormson be their pastors. Supervisor Charter reports that there are several other comparatively new works on the District with God working in each one.

Present with the Lord:

Harry L. Burdick

Graduated from LIFE Bible College in June, 1957.

Raymond Cox: Current Events & Comments

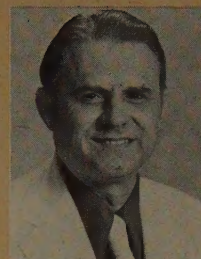
At the same time Pope John Paul II was visiting the United States, Roman Catholic Archbishop Arokiasamy of Bangalore, India, was attending the Pentecostal World Conference in Canada.

Madalyn Murray O'Hair lost her latest campaign. The court denied her plea to prevent the Pope from conducting services on Washington, D.C.'s Capitol Mall.

Most people don't know that this controversial woman was provoked into her rabid anti-religious crusades by unchristian acts of professing Christians. She was perfectly satisfied when in 1960 her protests secured for son, William, the right to be excused from his school's opening prayers. But then schoolmates repeatedly beat him up for protesting. Vandals tossed bricks through windows of the house. Obscene letters and threatening phone calls ensued. Madalyn Murray retaliated in court. If prayer champions hadn't abused this family, the Supreme Court might never have adjudicated the issue. The atheist won in 1963 but subsequently has lost repeatedly (c.f. "American Political Behavior" by Howard Mehlinger and John Patrick). The Pope held the Mass.

Meanwhile, delegates from more than 65 nations convened in Vancouver, B.C., for the 12th Pentecostal World Conference. Every Iron Curtain country except Russia had representatives. For the first time a delegation came from Cuba. Is it too much to expect that Pentecostals from Red China will attend the 1982 conference scheduled tentatively for Africa? A musical group from Free China delighted this year's delegates. A highlight for me was reunion with brothers I met in Poland in 1964, including Kazimierz Muranty, pastor of the Warsaw Church where I spoke the Sunday evening before the Helsinki Conference.

Pentecostal World Conferences, perhaps more than any other forums, demonstrate the tremendous moving of the Holy Spirit throughout the world, overriding both international and denominational bounds. Unity and power permeate the atmosphere, reminding of the Psalmist's exclamation, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psa. 133:1) The Pentecostal Movement ecclesiologically manifests a vast diversity of forms and methods, but at the heart is strong agreement concerning present day ministry of the Holy Spirit in all His New Testament glory and effectiveness. Who would have believed when the first Pentecostal World Conference was held at Zurich in 1947 that future conclaves would attract Episcopal priests, Presbyterian pastors, a Roman Catholic archbishop, and numerous other Spirit-filled historical Protestants? But if Jesus tarries, greater wonders will follow, as God moves by His Spirit throughout the earth.



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I write to rave about the wonderful October issue of the ADVANCE, perhaps the best issue on balance I have ever seen. Certainly this is true from a technical standpoint. The front cover was "fantabulous" and the center map very challenging.

R.C.

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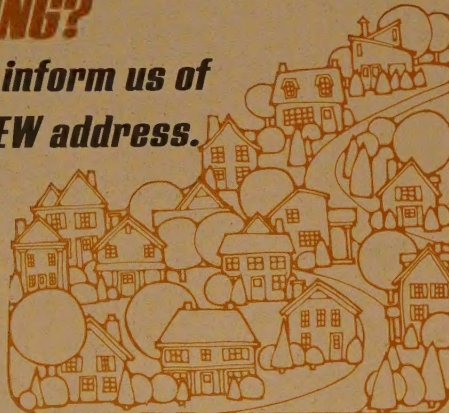
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